

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

October 27, 1997

A. CALL TO ORDER

The October 27, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

Deputy Charlie Brown , of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- Jake Pearson-----District 3
- John Caldwell-----District 4
- Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
- Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
- William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by John Caldwell.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission - Highlands Subdivision

Merritt Powell, Director of the DeSoto County Planning Commission, did present approval of the Highlands Subdivision, which had been held over from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Powell explained that the subdivision is being developed by Mark Utley and the subdivision is located just outside the City of Hernando. Mr. Powell said the Planning Commission did recommend approval of the subdivision. Supervisor Tommy Lewis had previously requested the item to be held over to get clarification about the right of way issue concerning the set back on this property.

Supervisor Lewis said that he had researched this issue and was satisfied to make the motion to uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval for Highlands Subdivision. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

2. I-69 Report

Supervisor Eugene Thach reported to the Board of Supervisors from his recent trip to the I-69 Meeting. Supervisor Thach reported on several items of business at the I-69 Meeting, including that the Mississippi's Department of Transportation's goal is to overlay 10% of the roads each year, but because of declining funds, they are falling behind on this goal. Supervisor Thach also discussed future plans of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Supervisor Thach gave a comprehensive report of the business dealt with at the I-69 Meeting, which is attached herewith as Exhibit C.2.

3. Bids Under Advisement - Nesbit Water Association

Edward T. Davis, of Edward T. Davis & Assoc., Inc., consulting engineers for the Nesbit Water Association project appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented a letter of recommendation for Nelson Plumbing for their low bid in connection with the water system improvements for the Nesbit Association bid opening, held on October 20, 1997. Edward Davis presented a bid tabulation sheet showing the companies who had bid on the project. Mr. Davis indicated that Nelson Plumbing had submitted the lowest and best bid therefore, he recommends the contract be awarded to Nelson Plumbing.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Fred Roberts, of Nesbit Water Association, about calls he has received concerning the size of the line. Mr. Roberts responded that the larger lines are needed to provide fire service and said the City of Hernando was paying for 1/2 of a portion of the line in their area and said Southaven will pay for a part of the line in that area.

Supervisor Lewis also asked about questions he has received regarding a valve on the line. Mr. Roberts explained the need for the valve and said the valve was a necessity.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the low bid from Nelson Plumbing at the recommendation of Edward T. Davis, consulting engineer for the project. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Yes
Supervisor James Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

Exhibit C.3.

4. Bids Under Advisement- Hot Asphalt Overlay

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a bid tabulation form indicating the bids received for placement of hot-mix asphalt from the bid opening October 22, 1997, in connection with Bid File #97-156-009. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if

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anything was added to the specifications in the bid to say the time limit for producing the work before another bidder was contacted. The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn responded that the bid included a stipulation that the work be done in 21 calendar days. After that time, the County reserved the right to go to the second lowest bidder for the work. The Board of Supervisors discussed the 21 day limit including discussion as to whether that is a reasonable time limit. Board Attorney, William Austin recommended the Road Manager to be careful with the wording on this contract.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the low bids as indicated on the bid tabulation form from Lehman-Roberts for less than 100 tons, for Lehman-Roberts for 100-250 tons, and from Lloyd's sand and gravel for greater than 250 tons and instructed the Road Manager to make it clear in the contract that paving for the road was to begin in 21 days of the request to the bidder with said contract subject to the Board Attorney's approval. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Yes
Supervisor James Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

See Exhibit C.4.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dale Thompson

- a. Late Bills**
- b. Tax Assessor - Reimbursement for Travel Expenses**

See Exhibit D.1.b

- c. Walls Library/Community Building - Invoice for Water Service**

See Exhibit D.1.c.

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson presented for payment the following bills:

- 1. Invoice for oxygen at \$923.37 to Nexair
- 2. Clovis Reed Travel Voucher
- 3. Deposit and Maintenance Fee for water service at Walls
Library/Community
- 4. Building @ \$150.00 total
- 5. Tax Assessor Travel Expenses

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to pay the late bills as presented above. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----	Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

At recommendation of Dale Thompson, Comptroller, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve an interfund loan as follows:

From	001-000-053	General County	\$34,512.00
To	(To be assigned)	DeSoto County Administration	\$34,512.00
		Building Construction Fund	

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

At the request of Dale Thompson, Comptroller Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve_____ for the Metro Grant as follows:

to: From: \$152,448.00

The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

2. G C Services - Approval to Go Out for Bids for Collections for Ambulance and Justice Court

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board of Supervisors, that the county has been contacted by some other companies interested in taking on the collections business for the county. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, told the Board of Supervisors that he recommends looking into other proposals.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the questions he has received from the City of Olive Branch about their collections. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, responded that in error the City of Olive Branch had been sending their collections directly to G.C. Services and that had caused the delay in Olive Branch receiving their portion of their collections. Supervisor Medlin asked the County Administrator to call Pat Lang in Olive Branch concerning any questions with G.C. Services. Jim Bearden said that Olive Branch was the best record keeper for their business with G.C. Services. In addition, Mr. Bearden presented a G.C. Services activity report, which included a total of \$48,742.46 which was sent to G.C. Services from the City of Olive Branch for collection. The handout indicated that G.C. Services had

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collected \$3,264.96 of the \$48,742.46. The disbursement breakdown for this amount was the City of Olive Branch recovering \$1,088.32, DeSoto County receiving \$1,088.32 and G.C. Services receiving \$1,088.32. Mr. Bearden indicated this may be poor performance from G.C. Services, based on the addresses of some of the item sent to G.C. Services, with them finding that these addresses had no assets.

At the recommendation of the Director of Operations and Maintenance, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to go out for proposals for collections for DeSoto County. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

See Exhibit D.2.

3. Administration Building

a. Public Hearing - Intent to Issue Bonds/Reimbursement Resolution

The Board Attorney, William Austin, notified the Board of Supervisors and those present at this meeting that the protest period was due in connection with the Administration Building. The Board Attorney asked if anyone was present at the meeting to protest the construction of the Administration Building. No one responded in protest or support of this county venture.

b. Invoice - Allen & Hoshall

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed presented a bill from Allen & Hoshall in connection with their work on the Administration Building. See Exhibit D.3.b.

c. Approval to Employ Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, asked if the Bond proceeds for the Administration Building would be put into the General Fund. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, responded that a special revenue fund would be set up for these proceeds

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement resolution to pay the bills from General County and reimburse this fund later; to pay the invoice from Allen & Hoshall in connection with the Administration Building in the amount of \$121,112.00; and to amend the budget to move money from ____

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to issue bonds in Series A and Series B for the Administration Building in the amount of \$7,000,000.00 and \$3,500,000.00, respectively. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked when we will be ready to go out for bids.

Demery Grubbs of Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham & Phillips, responded that they need to meet with the architect for the project before they are ready to go out for bids. Mr. Grubbs indicated that it would be to the advantage of the county to do so by the end of the year. Further, Mr. Grubbs said that hopefully his firm will be ready to go forward by the first meeting in November. Mr. Grubbs said they should be able to let the Board know something by that time. Mr. Grubbs indicated that they will have to make sure that no other Bonds are being sold on that day.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve Crosthwait-Terney as Bond Counsel's for the Administration Building and Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham & Phillips as financial advisors for the Administration Building. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Schoolbus Turnarounds

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated October 16, 1997, from the DeSoto County Superintendent of Education requesting the county to maintain the properties listed in his letter which are used as school bus turnarounds located at 1630 Hwy 301 S., Lake Cormorant, MS, and 2388 Starlanding Road, Nesbit, MS. A copy of this request is attached and made a part of these minutes by attachment of Exhibit D.4.

In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion approve and authorize the Road Manager to perform the work at 1630 Hwy. 301 S., Lake Cormorant, MS and at 2388 Starlanding Road, Nesbit, Ms. in connection to a request from Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird for schoolbus turnarounds in the county. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Absent

See Exhibit D.4.

5. Request for Resolution for Sheriff's Dept. Use of Radar

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a request for the Board of Supervisors to send a Resolution in support the use of radar by the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if this included DeSoto County only. The County Administrator responded that the Resolution does include DeSoto County only.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion and both later amended their motion and second to include approving the Resolution in support of the use of radar by the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department and/or County Patrol in DeSoto County Mississippi. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

6. Metro Narcotics

a. Approval to Accept 96-97 Metro Narcotics Grant Close Out Package and Authorize Board President to Execute

This item was held over until November 3, 1997.

b. Approval of New Interlocal Agreement for Metro Narcotics

With the approval of the Board Attorney, William Austin, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Metro Narcotics as presented in Exhibit D.6.b. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Absent

See Exhibit D.6.b.

7. Approval to Adopt Budgetary Forms

This item was held over until November 3, 1997.

See Exhibit D.7.

8. Approval for County Administrator to Represent County and Speak at National CUED, RE: Civic Center Initiative

The Board of Supervisors discussed the need to go to this event and the benefits the County would receive from the trip. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the County Administrator, Clovis Reed, if he had money for this trip in his budget. Clovis Reed said he may have to move some money around, but he should be able to fund the trip in his budget.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the trip outlined in the invitation letter dated October 2, 1997, for the County Administrator to travel to Tempe, AZ, to participate and speak in a panel session on Thursday, January 22nd at 2:00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.8**

9. Approval to Accept ACI Fire Truck

At the recommendation of the Fire Chief, Frank Treadway, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Fire Truck for the ACI Fire Department. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Walls Library - TDL, Second Draw Request

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance for the County, notified the Board of Supervisors that he had received the second draw request in connection with the Walls Library and Community Center from TDL Contractors in the

amount of \$43,704.00. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked about the road to the project. Jim Bearden said there is a road there. Supervisor James Pearson said that the contractor had notified him that when it is necessary to begin to haul heavy loads they will not be able to get in and out of the area. Jim Bearden agreed with this assessment. Jim Bearden said no soil cement has been added to the road to allow putting heavy loads on the road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he is concerned that the road will be the reason for the project being stopped. Supervisor Lewis said the job was started in good faith, that the County would provide the road to the project, as agreed early in the venture and the County should provide the road. Supervisor Lewis also notified the Board of the negatives associated with the job being stopped due to road conditions.

Kenny Gunn, the Road Manager, said he understood that they did not want a complete road, but rather, a temporary road was the request for this project. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Road Manager to make sure this road was kept in acceptable condition to carry out the work at this project.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the second draw request from TDL construction at the recommendation of the Director of Operations and Maintenance and the Architect Marvin Johnson. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

See Exhibit D.10.

11. Justice Court, Sale of Building - Approval to Execute Contract With Brown Properties

On July 21, 1997, the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors' minutes reflect upon motion duly carried that the property previously housing the DeSoto County Justice Court be listed with an agent for sale with said commission beginning after a threshold of \$165,000.00. The County Administrator was unable to find any real estate broker that would accept the contract on that basis.

Therefore, this Board of Supervisors finds, in accordance with Section 19-7-3 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972 that:

- (a) this county-owned property is no longer needed for county or related purposes and is not to be used in the operation of the county,
- (b) that the sale of the property in the manner otherwise provided by law is not necessary or desirable for the financial welfare of the county, and
- (c) that the use of the county property for the purpose for which it is to be sold, conveyed or leased will promote and foster the development and improvement of the community in which it is located and the civic, social, educational, cultural, moral, economic, or industrial welfare thereof. Consequently, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the contract with Brown Properties for the sale of the old Justice Court Building contingent on the market proposal being attached to the contract and to authorize the Board President to execute all necessary documents in connection with the transfer of this property. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

See Exhibit D.11.

12. Approval of Contract for Copier for Metro Narcotics - State Contract

This item was held over until November 3, 1997. **See Exhibit D.12.**

E. KENNY GUNN

1. Speed Breakers - Davis Lane

This Item was held over until November 3, 1997.

2. Other Issues

a. Clarification of the Need for Timber Companies to Bond Roads in DeSoto County

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and said he has received a request from a timber company asking if the County was requiring them to get a road bond. The Board of Supervisors told the Road Manager that a bond should be required for timber companies.

b. Walls Satellite Building/Central Maintenance

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said that an estimate to replace the Walls ? Satellite Building was \$45,000 - \$50,000.

Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to go out for bids for a building to replace the burned Walls Satellite Central Maintenance Building. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	No

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The minutes of the Executive Session portion of the Board of Supervisors meeting of October 27, 1997, are included under separate cover

G. JANE HEIDLEBURG, Personnel Manual

Jane Heidleburg appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the proposed Personnel Manual for DeSoto County. Several items were discussed in connection with the adoption of the Personnel Manual. The Board of Supervisors instructed Jane Heidleburg to amend the policy to include a committee of three Grievance Members with two standing alternates appointed by the Board of Supervisors with the Chairman of the Grievance Committee picking the alternate as needed. The Board of Supervisors also asked Ms. Heidleburg to include that if a Grievance Member refuses to appear at Grievance Hearing, he or she can be suspended without pay.

Jane Heidleburg cautioned the Board of Supervisors that in order to adopt the Personnel Manual by January 1st, the Board of Supervisors should consider adopting the Manual soon.

H. CIVIC CENTER, CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Demery Grubbs of Holley, Grubbs, Mitcham and Phillips, explained different options for the financing of the DeSoto County Civic Center. Mr. Grubbs also presented sales tax projections and debt service requirements for the Civic Center. Mr. Grubbs notified the Board of Supervisors that his firm recommends approval of a \$27,000,000.00 financing strategy including Surety Bonds and requested authorization from the Board of Supervisors to go to the market with a \$27,000,000.00 figure and suggested the Board of Supervisors allow the flexibility to let the market dictate how much would be borrowed. If the interest rate allowed an amount larger than \$27,000,000.00 to be paid under the same financing strategies as the \$27,000,000.00 under the projected market. Mr. Grubbs said it may be possible to borrow \$28,000,000.00 or so for the same money and investment.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the market is bad, whether the county would be stuck with the \$27,000,000.00 authorization. Demery Grubbs responded, that the Board of Supervisors has the right to reject bids. Therefore they will not be bound to \$27,000,000.

Demery Grubbs told the Board of Supervisors that they project selling the bonds on November 12th. Rex Haynes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau requested that Demery Grubbs explain the option of issuing the bonds in series. Demery Grubbs did so. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he supports one approval bond for the project. Demery Grubbs explained that the bids will not be locked in without the Board of Supervisors approval. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked for clarification of the time limit for the sales tax. Demery Grubbs explained that whenever the debt is paid off, the sales tax comes off two years later. Rex Haynes of the Convention and Visitors Bureau explained that the collections have not been steady because it has taken time for the marketing revenues to level out. Demery Grubbs also explained to the Board of Supervisors that if they choose to approve the series bonds, they would not have to approve the Series B bonds unless they want to. Supervisor Eugene Thach speculated that the County could use any extra money made on the venture to pay off the building early.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the bonds for the Civic Center at \$27,000,000.00 or whatever the tax collections will support. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Demery Grubbs recommended the County going to a Bond Ratings Meeting and said the benefits could be to the advantage of the County. At this recommendation Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion for a any of the Board, the Board Attorney and/or the County Administrator to attend a Bond Ratings Meeting. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach	Yes
Supervisor James Pearson	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell	Abstain
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Absent

I. **OTHER ISSUES**

1. **Audit Requirements-Williams & Pitts**

The Board President, Supervisor John Caldwell presented a request from Williams & Pitts to the Board of Supervisors concerning executing some documents in connection with the Audit. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve signing off on the forms from Williams & Pitts subject to the County Administrator's review and approval. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
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Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Absent

2. Request for Implementation of Smoke Detector Retrieval Plan

Frank Treadway, DeSoto County Fire Chief, notified the Board of Supervisors that there were three fatalities in the Eudora area within the last week. Mr. Treadway notified the Board of Supervisors that these fatalities are excellent reminders of the needs for smoke detectors in many DeSoto County Mississippi homes. Mr. Treadway said he would like to begin a program to work with local businesses to provide money for smoke detectors with Mr. Treadway's Department installing the detectors in the homes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the proposal from Frank Treadway to work with local businesses to provide donations for smoke detectors in DeSoto County homes who otherwise could not afford the detectors subject to the Board Attorney's approval. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Update of Tax Collections for Annexed Areas

Supervisor Eugene Thach notified the Supervisors that the Tax Assessor's Office needs approval to remove the millage for areas of the county that have been annexed in the recent annexation litigations. Supervisor Thach said the current system results in double taxation from both the city and the county. The Board of Supervisors discussed whether the cities assumed responsibility for fire protection in the annexed areas immediately or whether there was a phasing in of fire protection in these areas, thus creating the need for both the county and the city to support these areas. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about other areas that have been annexed in the past. Supervisor John Caldwell asked about areas covered by fire protection districts. Supervisor Caldwell asked how the counties should work with the cities to assure they are providing services to these areas. Supervisor Eugene Thach said a system has to be established for this purpose.

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested allowing the County Administrator to look into this issue and make recommendations to best handle the change over of emergency protection and taxation for annexed areas.

Supervisor James Pearson said the people need to be alerted that fire protection, police protection, etc., will now come for the cities taken in through the annexation. The Board Attorney discussed the legalities of these issues concerning protection, responsibility to protect and the taxation issue presented in this item.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the Board of Supervisors can change the mileage within the budget season. The Board Attorney said no, he feels that can only be done during the budget negotiation time.

Supervisor Eugene Thach says that this issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible. Supervisor Thach said the protection agreements need to be worked out but the milage needs to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to adjourn until November 3, 1997. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	Yes
Supervisor Gene Thach	Yes
Supervisor Jake Pearson	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	Yes

THIS the 27th day of October, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors